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**Subject:** Thursday Sept 15th Workshops -Delta Counties Coalition Follow up

Mr. Harty

As requested at today's morning and afternoon workshops I am forwarding the language change suggestions I offered at each of the workshops.

As always, the comments/language I offered today, are not intended to limit or replace the comments of the individual Delta Counties, which we continue to encourage that the DSC staff incorporate into the revisions of the Draft Delta Plan, but are instead meant to augment and be in addition to the individual County Comments.

In the morning session regarding Chapter 1 - What the Delta Plan Will Achieve by 2100 (Pages 24 thru 26 of Draft 5)

I offered a **new diamond point:**

**"The Delta Stewardship Council has created a structure and process for a decision making partnership with the Delta Counties, Cities and Special Districts in the achievement of the co-equal goals"**

IN addition, on page 26, Lines 14 and 15 the diamond point should be modified to include levee's as realistically any potential new conveyance is decades away, if ever, and the levee system must be maintained and improved.

In the morning session on the Performance Measures I agreed with the comments of others that Chapters 2 and 3 also need Performance Measures. Regarding the Measures as currently presented in Draft 5 in Chapters 4 (p.96); Chapter 5 (p.126); Chapter 6 (p.149); Chapter 7 (p.186); and Chapter 8 (p.199), I offered **a new performance measure FOR ALL CHAPTERS:**

**"By June 30, 2012 The Delta Stewardship Council shall create a structure and process for a decision making partnership with the Delta Counties, Cities and Special Districts regarding actions recommended in this Chapter."**

In the afternoon session regarding Covered Actions and Governance, I offered comments on the planned covered actions certification process and the burden placed on local agencies by the detailed findings being required and the need for the process to be simplified and the filing to be less burdensome.

We absolutely support the DSC Council members and staff suggestion that we have another working group meeting to continue the discussions about covered actions and a review of the draft forms released on Tuesday of this week.

With regard to the Agency Coordination Committee (Delta Reform Act Section 85204) - I requested that notwithstanding the coordination of appointed officials of State of Federal Agencies that a separate structure and process be created for meaningful decision making and involvement by the Delta Counties (the elected representatives) consistent with the language offered in the morning workshop. Consistent with that, I was not supportive of the stakeholder group suggestion or process - again emphasizing the need for a real role for the Delta Counties.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment and provide specific language. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or need any clarification of this e mail. Will you please forward this email to Council Members Fiorini, Gray and Marcus as well as thank them for taking their time to spend the day with the meeting participants and listen to our suggestions. A special thanks to Ms. Gray for promoting the idea of these workshops several months back. While we may not always agree on the draft, or the issues we appreciate that the Council and DSC staff continue to demonstrate a willingness to continue to engage the Delta Counties.

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